

CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3 & B



MISSION

Through collective efforts of our community and school, we strive to be an innovative educational system committed to excellence and focused on developing responsible citizens.

By promoting excellence for all students through:

- Engaging curriculum with rigor and relevance
- High-quality instruction
- 21st Century technology
- Personal and academic pride

Cascade Schools will strive to:

- Deliver an academic program that inspires and motivates every student to value education for his/her lifetime.
- Customize and individualize our educational program to meet every student's strengths and needs.
- Incorporate technology into all aspects of our education program in a manner that best prepares our students for the 21st Century.
- Strategically focus resources on student's achievement and identify wants and needs of the Cascade community.
- Connect our curriculum and assessment data to the common core standards.

HOME OF THE BADGERS



CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3 & B

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Conference Room #123
321 Central Ave West, Cascade, MT 59421
November 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

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Meeting ID: 922 0417 4053

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Call to Order

6:00

Reading of Notice Regarding Public Comment and procedures to be followed when addressing the Board.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Members of the community are given opportunity to make brief comments to the Board on any matters not included in the agenda. By law the Board cannot deliberate, debate or take any action on any matter presented during Public Comment. **Comments about any staff, student, or member of public are not allowed due to rights of privacy laws.** Public Comment on action (A) agenda items is to be addressed when the item is being considered on the agenda. Informational and Staff Reports are reported to Board of Trustees as information only.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Informational (I)

- A. CEA Request to Open Negotiations

Staff Reports (I)

- A. Jason Raether, Activities Director
- B. Michael Wilson, Principal
- C. Levi Collins, Superintendent
- D. Karsen Floerchinger, Business Manager

Board Report (I)

- A. Board Evaluation
- B. Board Hours
- C. Facilities Committee Report
- D. Finance Committee Report

Old Business (A)

- A. Consideration of Recommendation for Designation of Booster Club Funds

New Business (A)

- A. Review and Possible Action on Behavior Matrices
- B. Consideration of Extending XCELL Program

Board Meeting Evaluation (I)

- A. Complete the evaluation and turn into Mr. Collins

Announcements (I)

- A. Strategic Planning Meeting – December 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm
- B. Regular School Board Meeting – December 17, 2024

Adjournment (A)

7:30

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Informational (I)

- A. CEA Request to Open Negotiations

November 12, 2024

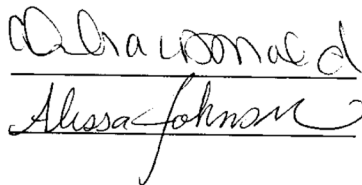
To: John Rumney - School Board Chair

Because our current Collective Bargaining agreement expires in June of 2025, the Cascade Education Association wishes to open contract negotiations with the Cascade School.

Signed:

Coleen MacDonald - CEA President

Alissa Johnson - Negotiations team member



The image shows two handwritten signatures. The first signature is for Coleen MacDonald, and the second is for Alissa Johnson. Both signatures are written in black ink and are positioned to the right of their respective names.

Staff Reports (I) (Appendix A)

- B. Jason Raether, Activities Director – *Appendix A, Section I (pg. 3)*
- C. Michael Wilson, Principal – *Appendix A, Section II (pg. 5)*
- D. Levi Collins, Superintendent – *Appendix A, Section III (pg. 6)*
- E. Karsen Floerchinger, Business Manager – *Appendix A, Section IV (pg. 7)*

Board Report (I) (Appendix B)

- A. Board Evaluation – *Appendix B, Section I (pg. 9)*
- B. Board Hours – *Appendix B, Section II (pg. 12)*
- C. Facilities Committee Report – *Appendix B, Section III (pg. 13)*
- D. Finance Committee Report – *Appendix B, Section IV (pg. 15)*

Old Business (A) (Appendix C)

A. Consideration of Recommendation for Designation of Booster Club Funds

Category: Finance

Presented by: Levi Collins

Attachments: Dissolution Letter – *Appendix C, Section IV (pg. 17)*

Facts to Consider: The District received notice of the dissolution of the Cascade Booster Club. Per the Booster Club bylaws, if the organization is dissolved, any remaining funds will be transferred to the school. The Booster Club wishes for the funds to be deposited in the Pep Club account and used for the purchase of senior gifts. The Board of Trustees must approve the deposit of the funds. This item was tabled at the September Regular Board meeting.

Superintendent Recommendation: Approve the deposit of remaining Booster Club funds to the Pep Club account.

Sample Motion: I move to approve the recommendation to deposit the remaining Booster Club funds to the Pep Club account.

New Business (A) (Appendix C)

A. Review and Possible Action on Behavior Matrices

Category: Policy

Presented by: Levi Collins

Attachments: Behavior Matrices – *Appendix C, Section II (pg. 18)*

Facts to Consider: There has been an increase in behavioral issues this year.

Superintendent Recommendation: Review the behavior matrices.

Sample Motion: I move to review the Behavior Matrices.

B. Consideration of Extending XCELL Program

Category: Finance

Presented by: Levi Collins

Facts to Consider: Last year, the District became ineligible for the grant that has been funding the XCELL program. The program was funded through other district funds for the 2023-2024 school year. In an effort to find other funding for the program, or alternative solutions for the after-school program, the administration and trustees agreed to supplement the funding from the general fund for the first semester of the current school year. The XCELL program was set to conclude at the end of the 2024 calendar year. The district was awarded a small grant that was to be used for the after-school program for the month of September. No additional funding has been available and no other outside entities have showed interest in taking over the program. With the winter season quickly approaching and it being the middle of the school year, the administration fears the families will not be prepared for alternate after school care for their students and would like to propose extending the XCELL program through the end of the 2024-2025 school year. The Interlocal Agreement fund will be the source of funding the remaining semester of the program, if extended.

Superintendent Recommendation: Extend the XCELL program through the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Sample Motion: I move to extend the XCELL program through the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

C. Consent Agenda (Appendix D)

- A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, October 15, 2024 – *Appendix D, Section I (pg. 23)*
- B. Business Claims – *Appendix D, Section II (pg. 26)*
- C. Student Activity Account – *Appendix D, Section III (pg. 39)*
- D. Sub List – *Appendix D, Section IV (pg. 40)*
- E. Student Attendance Agreements – *Appendix D, Section V (pg. 41)*

Board Meeting Evaluation (I)

- A. Complete evaluation and turn into Mr. Collins

Announcements (I)

- A. Strategic Planning Meeting – December 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria
- B. Regular School Board Meeting – December 17, 2024
- C. Upcoming Events
 - a. Collective Bargaining Training – December 17 @ 1:00-5:00 pm (recorded)

Adjournment (A)